

**PROPOSAL EVALUATION**  
***IRWM Grant Program – Planning Grant, Round 1, FY 2010-2011***

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<b>Applicant</b>	Northeastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Banking Authority	<b>County</b>	San Joaquin
<b>Project Title</b>	Eastern San Joaquin Region IRWMP Update	<b>Grant Request</b>	\$545,925
		<b>Total Project Cost</b>	\$728,800

**Project Description** The Northeastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Banking Authority (GBA) adopted the Eastern San Joaquin Region Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) in July 2007. The GBA is proposing to update and expand the IRWMP in order to further its efforts to provide a reliable and sustainable water supply essential to the social, environmental, and economic viability of the Eastern San Joaquin Region.

**Evaluation Summary**

<b>Scoring Criterion</b>	<b>Score</b>
Work Plan	9
DAC Involvement	10
Schedule	10
Budget	10
Program Preferences	6
Geographic Balance	0
<b><i>Total Score</i></b>	<b><i>45</i></b>

- **Work Plan** The work plan is not supported by adequate documentation or sufficient rationale. In the Background section, the applicant states what its region is, but there is no physical description of the region and no map dedicated to show its boundaries. The background lacks a description of watershed boundaries, groundwater basins, water-related infrastructure, and other physical descriptions. The applicant says it has an established process for prioritizing projects and that it is well documented, includes guidelines and criteria, but no examples are provided. A coordinating committee is referenced, but no information about what that committee does is provided. Additionally, the plan fails to provide adequate description and information regarding socioeconomic discussion, data management, technical analysis, implementation of the actions included in 2007 plan, and their impacts and benefits.
- **DAC Involvement** The application clearly shows the process the applicant will use to facilitate and support DACs within the region. Tasks include efforts to prepare a DAC outreach plan. A preliminary list of outreach resources, routes of communication, and promotion of water conservation rebate programs are to be included in the outreach plan as means to encourage and increase DAC participation.
- **Schedule** The schedule fully addresses the criterion and is supported by thorough well-presented documentation and logical rationale as a complete and logical Gant chart is presented. Milestones are identified and connected tasks are illustrated with logical flow paths. The schedule is reasonable for the proposed work plan tasks.
- **Budget** The budget is supported by thorough documentation and logical rationale. Each work plan task is listed and additionally broken down into logical subtasks. Budgeted amounts for each subtask are reasonable and each subtask provides further detail on planned activities.
- **Program Preference** The proposal demonstrates a high level of certainty that six program preferences will be implemented. Those program preferences are: include regional projects/programs, effectively integrate water management programs and projects, address critical water supply or water quality need of a DAC, effectively integrate water management with land use planning, climate change response actions, and protect surface water and groundwater quality.
- **Geographic Balance** Not Applicable